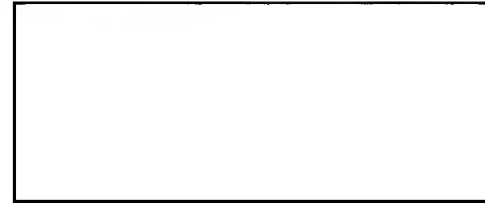


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FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN TOLD THE US CHARGE ON 2 AUGUST THAT NO ONE HAD EVER EXPECTED TO SEE THE "EXTRAORDINARY VISION" OF SOVIETS LEAVING EGYPT; HE CONTENDED THAT IT WOULD NOW BE NO MORE DRAMATIC IF EGYPT DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE RHODES FORMULA--A REFERENCE TO THE 1948 NEGOTIATIONS AT RHODES DURING WHICH EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS TALKED IN THE PRESENCE OF A MEDIATOR. EBAN'S STATEMENTS IMPLY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT A WAIT-AND-SEE STANCE ON ITS PART WILL EVENTUALLY FORCE EGYPT INTO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

EBAN SAID THE US AND ISRAEL NOW SHOULD TRY TO BRING EGYPT TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS ONLY TWO OPTIONS: DEADLOCK OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ISRAEL IS OPPOSED TO THE RESUMPTION OF UN MEDIATOR JARRING'S MISSION, FEARING THAT IT WILL ONLY HIGHLIGHT DIFFERENCES; IN EBAN'S VIEW THE EGYPTIANS ARE ONLY USING JARRING AS A SHIELD TO ALLOW THEM TO AVOID GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT TO A "NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUE." FOR ITS PART, EBAN SAID, ISRAEL WILL SEEK TO MARSHAL FOREIGN SUPPORT AND THEREBY FOCUS EGYPT'S ATTENTION ON THOSE ASPECTS OF PRIME MINISTER MEIR'S SPEECH OF 26 JULY THAT SHOULD CLEAR THE OBSTACLES TO NEGOTIATIONS. ISRAEL WILL EMPHASIZE, FOR INSTANCE, MRS. MEIR'S STATEMENTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT HUMILIATING, THAT ISRAEL IS NOT SEEKING TO FREEZE THE STATUS QUO, AND THAT ISRAEL WOULD REGARD AN INTERIM SUEZ CANAL AGREEMENT AS ONLY TEMPORARY.

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